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World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1997/55, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, including a World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth", the Economic and Social Council welcomed the offer of the Government of Portugal to host the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, in cooperation with the United Nations, as well as its support for the holding of the third session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System. The Council also recommended that the report of the Conference be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session through the Commission for Social Development.

2. In its resolution 52/83, the General Assembly welcomed the initiative of the Government of Portugal to host the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth and requested the Secretary-General to make the report of the Conference available to all Member States.

3. The Conference was held at Lisbon from 8 to 12 August 1998. It adopted the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, among other resolutions. The Declaration has been circulated as annex I to document A/53/378. The complete report of the Conference is available under the symbol WCMRY/1998/28 and, pursuant to the requests of the Assembly and the Council, will be made available to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-seventh session and the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

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